

# Public Notice: Request for Comments



## Notice of Intent to Approve Plans for Closure of Hazardous Waste Tanks at the INL [Docket # 10HW-0503]

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**What is proposed?** An owner/operator proposing to close a hazardous waste management unit, subject to Idaho's Hazardous Waste Management Act, must develop a plan for closure that meets specific requirements. Prior to approving such a plan, DEQ gives the public and the applicant an opportunity to comment regarding the plan. This public notice covers three Draft Closure Plans. The three proposed plans provide procedures intended to remove waste and decontaminate the units to accomplish clean closure. The plans, as modified by the DEQ, are hereby proposed for approval.

### **Describe the Systems being closed:**

1. The TRA-630 Catch Tank System was constructed in 1951 and operated until 1992. It was used to temporarily store radioactive waste water prior to disposal of the water in other TRA waste systems.
2. The only component of the TRA/ETR P-7 Experimental Water Loop System being closed is a 6-gallon ion exchange column. The system was last used before 1973. The ion exchange column was used to remove radioactive products from experiment loop cooling water.
3. The TRA/ETR Hot Waste System operated from 1957 to 1982. It was used to temporarily store radioactively contaminated waste water prior to disposal in other TRA liquid waste systems.

The Draft Closure Plans describe waste removal, sampling, and system isolation procedures for a series of hazardous and radioactive waste storage tanks and an ion exchange column. The Draft Closure Plans set conditions for ensuring protection of human health and the environment during and after closure.

**What closure conditions are affected?** The plans, in their entirety, are open for public review and comment.

### **Where can I get more information?**

In person: The three Draft Closure Plans and fact sheet may be reviewed at the Idaho DEQ State Office located at 1410 North Hilton, in Boise, Idaho; or, at DEQ's Regional Office in Idaho Falls located at 900 N. Skyline, Suite B, in Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Online: The Fact Sheet, this notice and portions of the draft Closure Plans are available on-line via the DEQ web site ([www.deq.idaho.gov](http://www.deq.idaho.gov)).

By phone: For a copy of the Fact Sheet, contact Teri Gregory at (208) 373-0502.

**When are written comments due?** 5 p.m. on July 27, 2005. Comments should be addressed to Robert Bullock, c/o Teri Gregory, Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, 1410 N. Hilton, Boise, ID 83706.

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**Who will be responsible for permitted operations?** The U. S. Department of Energy.

**Who is the issuing office?** Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, 1410 North Hilton, Boise, Idaho 83706.

### **What are DEQ's responsibilities?**

The Idaho DEQ is the regulatory agency that helps protect and enhance Idaho's water and air quality, and helps ensure proper management and disposal of hazardous and solid wastes. One way DEQ does this is by requiring permits and plans for certain activities.

### **What legal requirements apply?**

Idaho's rules require that DEQ provide an owner or operator and the public, through a newspaper notice, the opportunity to submit written comments on draft plans for closure.

**What happens next?** The DEQ will consider any comments and/or requests for a hearing on the draft Closure Plans and will either announce a time and place for a hearing, modify the draft plans, or approve the Closure Plans as proposed.